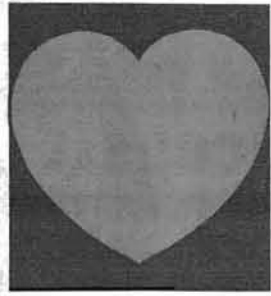


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Curators O.K. Engineering Plan

by Kevin Kleine editor

"There's a lot of support for this program in the St. Louis area. The program serves a group that the Rolla campus does not."

—M. Thomas Jones

After more than a year of planning, the University of Missouri Board of Curators voted to approve a plan for an engineering program at UM—St. Louis.

The board voted Jan. 25 to offer bachelor's degrees in electrical and mechanical engineering in cooperation with the Rolla campus and Washington University. Faculty from all three schools will be used to teach the 1,200 students expected to enroll in the program. The degree would bear the name of UM—St. Louis.

"There's a lot of support in the St. Louis area for this program," M. Thomas Jones, deputy to the chancellor said. "The program serves a group that the Rolla campus does not."

Opposition to the program has come mostly from legislators and business men in the Rolla area. John Powell, a Rolla businessman active in republican politics, sent a letter to the governor and university officials claiming that duplication of the degrees is an unnecessary burden on taxpayers.

UM—St. Louis officials and area legislators that support the program say that the non-traditional student will be

the target of the program rather than the full-time students that the Rolla campus serves.

The curators have forwarded the plan to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, which must approve all new programs in Missouri public colleges.

The board voted 4-2 for approval of the program with John Lichtenegger of Jackson, Mo and Andy Runge of Mexico, Mo as the dissenters.

"We keep sending mixed signals to our constituents," Lichtenegger said. "We're out of money, but we're going to start a new program."

UM System President C. Peter Magrath has said that the engineering proposal is not a new program, but merely an extension of an existing one. Governor John Ashcroft has stated earlier in the year that he wanted to "put the brakes on" any new programs until the status of higher education in the state can be studied. Missouri ranks 47th out of 50 in funding for higher education across the nation.

UM—St. Louis administrators remain optimistic about the future of the plan.

"I think the best thing to do is be positive," Jones said. "We're certainly very hopeful that they [the CBHE] will react favorably. We're working hard to

get our best case forward," he said. Jones expects the first classes in the program to be offered as early as January of 1991. He said that by the end of the current legislative session, there should be a good idea of how much money will be allocated for the plan by the legislature. "We're at the point where we've got two things going on," Jones said. "The proposal is being submitted to the CBHE for review and simultaneously, we've got a request for funding in to the legislature."

The cost of running the St. Louis degree program is estimated to be \$6 million per year. It is expected that about \$4.9 million in state funding will be required to support the program every year with the remainder coming from student fees.

No One Wants UM-St. Louis Dioxin

by Kiril David Dickinson reporter

Dioxin stored on the UM-St. Louis campus will not be moved anytime soon, according to the central administration of the University of Missouri.

Ed King, Director of Insurance Risk Management for the University, said Feb. 2, that "we cannot move [the dioxin] because no one else will take it."

It was discovered in 1987 that a dioxin solution stored at UM—St. Louis was contaminating solvents stored in the Dangerous Chemicals Storage Building, but no action was taken to move the dangerous chemicals from the campus at that time.

Jim Hickerson, head of the UM—St. Louis Environmental Health and Safety, Jim Hickerson, explained that the dioxin stored here is in a solution of approximately 8 parts dioxin per billion parts of liquid, instead of 8 parts per trillion, as was previously reported.

The solution is doubly enclosed in steel drums. He said that it is unlikely that any could leak out. A vent that pumps air from the Dangerous Chemicals Building into the open air was a concern in the past.

Mr. Hickerson explained, "We like to keep a negative pressure in the building to keep contaminants that might leak from accumulating."

To do this, air is pulled in on one side of the building and vented on the other side.

"We like to dump more air than we take in," said Hickerson, in order to keep the indoor pressure low. "When transferring chemicals, some vapor is given off," he said, "[but] it would be extremely difficult for anyone to smell anything coming from the building."

Hickerson went on to mention that students should not be alarmed if they smell something coming from the building, because dioxin is only one of many chemicals stored there, and the other chemicals are easier to smell than dioxin.

According to Hickerson, "If [someone] smells anything, chances are it is some other chemical — not dioxin."

Some of the other chemicals stored in the building include flammable liquids, toxic waste, mercury, pesticides, herbicides, biological wastes, radioactive waste, and asbestos.

There have also been reports of a drum containing 1.4 dioxane that has been stored in the facility since the university here came into existence. The chemical creates peroxides as it sits for long periods of time; peroxides are very sensitive to shock and can react explosively.

The Dangerous Chemicals Storage Building is located right next to the General Services Building.

Said Hickerson, "You couldn't get your hand between the buildings."

Located in General Services are the Personnel Department, the police station, Graphics Services, the maintenance department, and the University mailroom.

Dioxin, a dangerous chemical with recently discovered mutagenic properties, was among unknown substances brought here in 1981 in twelve barrels from a University agronomy station in Weldon Springs.

At the Weldon Springs station, it had been used as a preservative to protect wood from insects.

The barrels remained on the campus six years before the chemicals in the barrels were scientifically tested. Former

Vice-Chancellor of University Relations John McCluskey cited ignorance of dioxin's danger and foot-dragging by the Environmental Protection Agency as reasons for the delay in taking action.

Hickerson said barrels containing the chemicals were brought here because this was the closest campus to Weldon Springs. The barrels, he said, are the property of the central administration in Columbia.

King explained that every campus has some sort of hazardous waste storage facility, so it was decided to simply move the dioxin to the nearest campus.

Since that time, at least two workers have reported being exposed to dioxin. In addition, a hazardous waste technician, David Williams, reported seeing a "pinhole leak" in a drum containing dioxin.

For a period of two weeks, contaminated solution leaked from the drum. Williams said in an interview that "the 'pinhole' leak was about three inches in diameter and dripped into a main drain in the storage facility," but was quick to point out that the drain accommodates only that building.

In 1987 and 1988, University officials said that immediate steps were being taken to have the dioxin removed from the UM—St. Louis campus, but the chemicals remain in the Dangerous Chemicals Storage Building today.

When asked why dioxin is still being stored here, King responded, "Where do you want to put it? We cannot move it anyway, because no one else will take it."

There are no incinerators licensed to dispose of dioxin in the U.S., King said.

He said that the dioxin will stay on campus indefinitely.



TOXIC WASTE:Barrels like the one above store dioxin in the General Services building across from the Mark Twain Gym. (Current File Photo)

Curators Raise Fees, Approve King Holiday

by Barb Braun news editor

Students at all UM System campuses will have to pay an extra \$2 per credit hour for new computer equipment, the Board of Curators voted last Thursday.

UM-St. Louis also faces a \$7.20 increase in activity fees.

The increase in computer fees is a first step in overcoming a lack of computers in the UM System.

"It should be recognized that the proposed fee is only a partial solution and not a complete answer to the enormous needs in academic computing," Magrath said. "The amount necessary to provide our students with adequate computing services can only be accomplished through a shared investment between the state of Missouri and the University."

Currently the UM System invests roughly \$184 per student for computing, while the average at some engineering schools and other Big Eight and Big Ten universities is \$452 per student. The UM System needs to raise \$14 million a year to match other universities in computer spending. The \$2 fee increase will raise about \$4.5 million a year.

Academic Computing is an important part of the five-year, \$144 million plan the UM System wants to implement.

"This is a pressing need," Magrath

said, "A major investment in academic computing will help better prepare the University's students for today's technological world and ensure their competitiveness in the job market."

The Board of Curators also decided to give university employees the day off on Martin Luther King Day. The decision to make the holiday—which has sparked much controversy on this campus—official, also resulted in one of the board members leaving the meeting, obviously upset.

Curator Fred Kummer did not agree with the plan to give the university's estimated 20,000 employees and 54,000 students the day off. Instead, he was interested in providing scholarships for minority students in King's name.

Kummer did not want the university's employees to swap one of four personal days for the holiday. Curators were split 4-4 on the decision before Eva Louise Frazer, the board's first black president, cast the deciding vote. She voted after asking if money would be saved if the university were to reduce the number of personal days to fund the scholarships. The answer, from President Magrath and his top aide Jim McGill, was "no."

The holiday will bring the number of holidays for employees and students to eight. The King Holiday will be observed on the third Monday in January, effective with the 1991-92 academic year.

Campus Financial Aid Officers Resist Bush's 'Drug War' Tactics

(CPS)—Even as President George Bush prepared to go to Colombia, claiming there's been "notable progress" in the war on drugs, academia's officials said anti-drug efforts on college campuses are failing.

A number of the campus officials who are supposed to lead the charge against illicit drugs, moreover, have flatly refused to do so.

"I don't think institutions believe it's their responsibility to become Big Brother," said Dallas Martin of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA).

Aid officials at Nebraska and Harvard universities and at the University of California at Berkeley recently admitted that, aside from collecting signatures on aid forms, they're doing nothing to help enforce the federal search for student drug users.

Aid officials at other campuses have not reported any student drug users' names to the U.S. Department of Education since July 1, 1989, when a new law empowered the department to strip students convicted of drug offenses

of their financial aid.

"It's a little too early to tell" if the law will work, asserted Education Dept. spokesman Phil Cauthen.

Nevertheless, four state governors advocated tightening the noose on students a little more in recent weeks.

In their list of new laws they would like passed, both Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson separately proposed in mid-January to make state schools expel students convicted of drug offenses.

In Arizona and Wisconsin, lawmakers will consider bills to cut off state financial aid to student drug users.

"The complaint I'm hearing is 'Why am I being held at such a higher standard than someone who's rich?'" reported Jim Smith of the Wisconsin Student Association of the measure, under which student drug users who don't get aid—presumably because they are wealthy enough not to need it—could continue to attend classes.

Statewide student associations in Florida, Oregon, California and Arizona have passed resolutions denouncing

federal and state government efforts to tie financial aid to the "drug war."

The 1988 Drug-Free Workplace Act and President Bush's September, 1989, anti-drug initiative would force students who get Pell Grants to sign a pledge that they will not use illegal substances.

By 1991, all campuses are supposed to have anti-drug programs in place, along with the means to expel collegians convicted of drug offenses.

Already, campus aid officials are supposed to, report students convicted of drug crimes to the Dept. of Education, which is then to take the money away.

Legally, the student also may be prosecuted for fraudulently signing the pledge not to use drugs, fined \$10,000 and sent to jail for five years, effectively ruining the student's life.

"Financial aid is losing its purpose, which is to provide higher education," said Jose Huizar of the student government at the University of California at Berkeley, where in late September about 50 students and non-students gathered

Record Labeling

Hits Mainstream

And Extremes

by Kiril David Dickinson reporter

Jean Matthews, state representative from Florissant, MO (Dist. 73), is co-sponsoring a bill before the state legislature to require labels on records and tapes that are "offensive" to parents.

Matthews sent the *Current* a packet of lyrics she thinks should be labeled, along with numerous articles supporting her view.

Matthews said in an interview last week that labeling record would warn parents of extreme lyrics dealing with suicide, satanism, drug use, sex and other taboo topics.

Among the songs she found offensive were many that people in the record industry and many teenagers and college students would term as "mainstream." Songs such as "Anarchy in the U.K.," credited to the speed metal group Megadeth. The song advocates anarchy and uses the word "pissed" in the next-to-last line.

She also took exception to the following lyrics by the rap group Public Enemy:

*"Ya eatin death cause ya like grittin dirt from da graveyard—
 Ya put gravy on it.
 Den ya pick ya teeth
 With tomb stone chips
 And casket cover clips—
 Dead women hips
 Ya do the bump with
 Bones—Nutin but love bones
 First ya live den ya dead—
 Died tryin ta clock what I said
 Now I got a murder rap cause I bust ya cap with Flavor—
 Pure Flavor"*

There was also an article about the physical effects of rock music. According to the article, the bass tones and "driving drumbeats" of rock cause the adrenaline and sex glands to "over-secrete."

The author, Jeff Godwin, credits this as the reason why concert attendees "raise their fists and destroy the arena. It's also why feelings of lust and sensuality wash over everyone there."

According to Godwin, rock music also slows the flow of sugar to the brain, and "a lack of decision-making ability is the inevitable result."

The article also notes that "Haitian voodoo drum music has the same rhythms as rock" and refers specifically to Janis Joplin, Elton John, the Eagles, and Stevie Wonder as musicians who use such rhythms.

Further on in the packet is a number of quotes designed to expose the secret goals of the rock music industry, such as this one from Jacques Morali, the group manager of The Village People: "I am sincerely trying to produce songs to make the gay people more acceptable. [It's a protest] against Anita Bryant."

The last page in the packet was a press release from State Representative Jean Dixon, the main sponsor of the bill in question:

"The parents of those youth involved in suicides and violent crime almost universally express astonishment when they discover what their children were hearing. As a result of this lack of information, House Bill 931 has been introduced to require an informational disclosure label on the outside of any album that encourages and promotes youth suicide, violent acts, or deviant criminal sexual activity."

Fishing, Clothes Shopping Alike

West's Side Stories

by Julio West columnist

The weather has been, shall we say, abnormal all winter. Downright balmy. And other than the snow last weekend the skies have been pretty clear.

And now that it is February, boys start to get spring fever. You know—that time of year when young mens' fancies turn to thoughts of baseball and fishing.

My wife doesn't fully understand the joy of standing in a stream in 30 to 40-degree weather in early March. And, if she has her way, she will never find this joy, because she will never seek it.

We have reached the conclusion that buying fishing tackle is, for a male, very similar to shopping for clothes, for a female.

My wife can spend hours—it is important to realize that this is not an exaggeration—hours looking at clothes.

Then she does the worst thing of all: she asks me what I think about a particular item. (Remember here that she says I dressed like a Shrine Circus clown before she married me and saved me from the mire of the evil "guys-who-buy-their-own-clothes swamp.")

I have only one question: if women see something they like, why do they have to look at it in every color it is made in?

"Isn't this cute?" she asks me.
 "Yes, honey, I do like that," I reply.
 "I look awful in this color."
 "So look at the blue one."
 "It's on the other side of the rack, I'll just work my way around."

And so it goes, around those silly round racks, looking at this item which was originally attractive but is quickly losing its appeal as I am forced to look at it in every color of the rainbow.

By the way, who came up with that mustard yellow color for clothing? I used to think, "WOW! Someone actually came up with a new color, they're probably getting rich."

Then I realized my son makes that

color at least once a day in his diaper.

I don't care what you say; that is exactly what that color looks like. If you don't believe me, come by the house sometime and I'll prove it.

Fishing, on the other hand, is an art form. Let's face it—it takes some talent to hurl small, SHARP objects around your head for three or four hours at a time, not to mention doing this while standing in a frigid stream or on the bow of a boat in sweltering heat. (Summers in the Midwest are brutal and what with the hole in the ozone I may have to find a new hobby.)

Buying fishing tackle is altogether cheaper than buying clothes. Tackle is cheaper, so you can afford ALL the colors that a lure comes in, rather than choosing the one you look best with.

I don't look good in any color. I think I'm onto something Freudian: I substitute color selection in tackle for my own shortcomings in fashion.

Well, we won't find out today; my wife just picked out my clothes for work and I'm running late.

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on the campus for a "smoke-in" to protest the oath.

Few students equate such oaths and threats with a serious anti-drug program.

"I don't think it's going to have any bearing on anyone," said Julianne Marley, head of the U.S. Student Association, which represents campus student presidents in Washington, D.C.

"It's a copout, a nice way to think, 'Oh, we're doing something for the war on drugs,'" she added.

Even the nation's top "drug warriors" agree. "I'm sure [Drug Czar William Bennett] will concede it's not a great deterrent," allowed Bennett aide David Robb. "If people are going to sign something and not comply, that's up to them."

Robb also maintained that, when it comes to combatting illegal drugs, "all too often, universities are looking the other way."

Bennett, a frequent critic of the way colleges and universities are run, still had harsh words for higher education during a Dec. 11 speech at Harvard, where he accused scholars—notably

Princeton University researcher Ethan Nadelmann—of undermining his efforts by suggesting that the best way to win the war is to legalize drugs.

"In the great public-policy debate over drugs, the academic and intellectual communities have, by and large, had little to contribute, little of that has been genuinely useful or for that matter mentally distinguished," Bennett said.

Academic officials reply that Bennett's plan simply can't work because it requires that unlikely people—educators and administrators—act like a national drug police force.

"We may feel better because we've required [students to sign a pledge]," Martin said, "but that doesn't mean the mechanism is working."



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NEWSBRIEFS

The University of Missouri-St. Louis' Financial Aid Office will be offering financial aid workshops for interested students and area residents. These workshops will highlight the various types of financial aid for which students may apply for the academic year 1990-91. Each workshop will also give step by step instruction in completing the 1990-91 American College Testing's (ACT) Family Financial Statement (FFS).

UM—St. Louis' Financial Aid Office requests those individuals attending the sessions bring the parents' and student's completed 1989 1040 Federal Tax Forms, any 1989 untaxable income

statements—AFDC, Social Security benefits or Veterans benefits—and a No. 2 soft lead pencil.

All sessions of the financial aid workshop will be held in J.C. Penney and the University Center on the north campus.

All day sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 72 of the J.C. Penney Building. The sessions will be held every Monday from Feb. 5 to Feb. 26.

All the evening sessions will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 156 in the University Center every Tuesday from Feb. 6 to Feb. 27.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Nugent, Director of Financial Aid, Room 209, Woods Hall, 553-5529.

The present semester will see the newest members to the UM—St. Louis Omicron Pi chapter of Sigma Delta Pi — the Spanish National Honor Society. On Dec 9, 1989, there was a formal ceremony initiating the new members. Officiating was Dr. Theresa Johnson of the Kappa Omega chapter of St. Louis University, assisted by George Nichols, also of SLU. Dr Alicia Ramos of the UM—ST. Louis Spanish Department, the group's founder in 1985, faculty adviser and organizer of the event, was active in the proceedings. The Fall '89 initiates were: Shari K. Aguilar, Elizabeth Birdwell, Elena Kenyon, Dawn Kyle, Norka Maldonado, Kelley Mueller, Marilyn Stalzer; Amy M. Stiffler and Sheri Wuensch.

Search Begins For 1990-91 Current Editor

The Senate Student Publications Committee is now accepting applications for the position of editor of the Current for the upcoming academic year.

The editor is responsible for the overall administration of the paper and setting editorial policy

- Applications may be picked up in room 1 of the Blue Metal Office Bldg. located near the intersection of East and Mark Twain Drives on the north side of campus.
- Return the application by Feb. 28 to the Chair of the Student Publications Committee along with a cover letter, clips, letters of recommendation and references in a sealed envelope. Send applications to:

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Non-Traditional Victory

Non-traditional students have won the first round of a hard fought battle. The Board of Curators has finally recognized that they exist and have needs different than the traditional full-time student.

The victory came when the Board approved an engineering program for this campus. In chasing the goal Chancellor Barnett has set of becoming a world class university, programs that cater to student's special needs are necessary. Companies such as Monsanto, and McDonnell Douglas cannot afford to have their employees out of work, but want them to continue their education. The engineering programs and others already in place enable working people to enhance their education and their earning power.

It was a good move for students and the economy of St. Louis and the state.

Assigning Your Individuality

by Kiril David Dickinson
reporter

Commentary

I recently got a letter from the Dean of Arts and Sciences informing me that I had made the Dean's list. It was a nice letter, though, like most of the letters I get from the University, it was stylistically unspectacular.

What I thought was curious about it, though, was that it was sent to a Mr. Dickinson-920079.

Now, it's nothing special to have a student number tacked on to your name when you get a form letter from a big University, it's not uncommon at all.

And we all know the reason for this practice is because there are so many students that the administration can't keep track of them all with a name only, so they throw in a number, just to keep everything straight.

But let's think about this for a minute or two. What do you think comes from this numbering business?

For one thing, it's easier to organize the students in computer files.

Have you ever noticed how if you need some information about your classes or your registration—anything administrative, really—they don't really want your name?

What do they ask for? Your student number. That's all they need.

And suppose you're an administrator who needs a list of students in this or that category. Maybe you want to know which students are in the Philosophy Club.

You don't need much. Just a list of numbers.

Can you see how the people in charge, after years of this number thing, might start to think of students in a different light?

"Hey, did you get a letter off to 920079? Good. That's a good kid, that 920079."

It's ironic that the first thing that happens when you go to college is the

same first thing that happens when you go to prison: you get a number.

In prison, it's part of the process of teaching criminals to stop thinking individually and to become another cog in the social machine.

At this University, of course, it's just a handy bookkeeping device.

But again I must ask the question: what exactly do you think comes of this numbering business?

Well, if you think about it, that number is like your Social Security number, something to be treasured, something to be shouted with pride because it belongs to you and only you.

For me, it added a little extra warmth to the touching letter I received from the Dean.

Then again, it might mean that administrators find it a little easier to deal with such things as budgetary problems. Just cut a few numbers off the list and viola—more money for the University.

And that could be the reason why many of them don't care what the students think; after all, would you care about a bunch of numbers?

No, of course, that's too harsh. If the administration didn't care about us numbers, would they provide such excellent food in the cafeteria?

If they didn't care about numbers, then why would they be working so hard to get that nasty dioxin off campus?

If the Chancellor didn't care about numbers, why would there be so many of them on her paycheck?

I, for one, am proud to be a number in the University of Missouri system.

That number means I'm not just another person.

I'm 920079.
I am somebody.



The 'Awful Eight': Guidance For Grammar

by David Workman
copy editor

Commentary

As one of the two copy editors on the staff, it is my job to make sure that everything in the paper is without error due to punctuation, misuse of grammar, or misspelling. But this is not always an easy task. I have to go back through the stories and correct the same mistakes over and over.

When I was in high school, one of my English teachers had an annual tradition of handing out a list of the eight most frequently made mistakes in the English language.

The list was entitled, "The Awful Eight."

As a public service not only to my fellow staff members, but the vast community of students at this university who are constantly placed in the gut-wrenching position of having to write papers and essays for classes, I would like to reprint the list. (Yes, I got permission.)

1. **alright** - Technically "alright" is an acceptable spelling, but "all right" is vastly preferable. Besides, when you have been assigned a 500-word theme, "all right" does twice as much good as "alright."

2. **alot** - There is no such word as "alot." There has never been such a word, and if English teachers can hold the fort, there never will be. The correct spelling is "a lot."

3. **well** - as in "Well, after that, Jenny smacked Fred in the face with her fist." Don't ever use "well" to signal that you have resumed speaking, and everyone should listen once more, or to indicate that you are stalling for time until you can think of something else to say. "Well" is fine for conversation, out of place in writing.

4. **etc.** - short for "et cetera" (not

Peter Cetera). What "etc." really means is, "I'm too lazy to think up any good examples, so I'll throw in an 'etc.'" and that will cover it." Though not totally out of place in writing, "etc." is often abused and misused and should be avoided. When "etc." is used you must give at least three examples before tossing in "etc." (...students, teachers, administrators, etc., not...students, teachers, etc.)

5. **their, they're, there** - I have to resort to the old cliché on this one: If I had a nickel for every time one of these words was misused... Please note:

•their - the possessive, as in their house, their problem.
See GRAMMAR, page 6

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KWMU Blues

Dear Editor,

Where is it written that in order to be an effective manager, you must be deceitful? Where is it written that in order to manage, you must be loud and vociferous?

I don't know where it's written, but I know who read the book: Patricia Wente, the new General Manager of KWMU.

She may be the author as well. Since her arrival a few months ago, KWMU has lost seven members of its staff, and will undoubtedly lose more. Since her arrival, her first fund drive—the Fall drive of '89—was down several thousand dollars from the Spring drive of '89.

Since her arrival, morale at KWMU has hit an all-time low. (Patty has been unsuccessful at creating enemies of friends, however. This is one of her despicable tactics.)

Shouldn't an effective manager try to learn her new staff's names? For the longest time, I was personally called either Moon Paeton, Tipton Paeton, or Hey You, when none of these is correct. Once she even introduced me to visitors as Tipton Paeton. You can imagine how enraged and embarrassed I was.

Shouldn't an effective manager think before she acts? I've never known a more impetuous person. The Fall fund drive was complete chaos well into the actual drive due to Patty constantly changing her mind about important dates, times, and activities.

Shouldn't an effective new manager be willing to listen to ideas? Shouldn't an effective new manager mean it when she says, "I care?"

How can Patty Wente manipulate people, deceive people, and constantly twist peoples' words and not expect for the people involved to be aware of it? You know, it's hard to go to work every day, and know that there is a new manipulating trick up the new general manager's sleeve.

Somebody, anybody, write a bestseller on how to cope with a horrible manager. I know some staff that would love to read it.

Paeton Tipton
Ex-Membership Assistant of KWMU

'Dream' Is Alive

Dear Editor,

Shawn Foppe in his editorial beginning, "The Dream is Dead!" caused such an onslaught of letters (all of which were well written and logical, I might add) that I was provoked by their anger to seek out a copy of the Current to see

what Mr. Foppe had said the week before. I must admit offense was taken.

I have one question for Mr. Foppe. What do you know of Martin Luther King? What would the average white American know of Mr. King or any civil rights leader?

I'm sorry, I have another question for Mr. Foppe. What do you really know about the civil rights movement?

I'm sorry, that's not sufficient either. What do you know of oppression?

Dr. Martin Luther King Day has validity for anyone with a real desire to see discrimination end, and those very few Anglo-Saxons who have stepped out of their ethnocentric shells surely know the value of this day.

The deeds of Dr. Martin Luther King were the most unifying (Best attempt anyone in this nation has visibly made of achieving a "melting pot") of anyone I can recall in American history.

Surely a day in his honor is more apt than many which are celebrated. We aren't Irish (St. Patrick's Day) We all aren't Christians (Christmas, Easter) We do all have one thing common though. That is the fate of this country called the United States of America.

No man in recent times has sacrificed more and spoken so eloquently to convey the wrongs of racism and to advocate its demise. No man has been more inclusive (of all ethnic groups) in his scope of racial harmony.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day is quite appropriate. His actions have influenced this country to change quite drastically in 20 years. Perhaps the bullet that extinguished his life did bring mass attention and anger to an otherwise dormant group. This is significant because a similar bullet to John F. Kennedy didn't provoke similar anger and turmoil.

Martin Luther King is the closest this nation has come to acquiring a leader with everyone's interests at heart. He also did this from a very awkward position. He did this from the position of an oppressed African American minister in the 1960's. His accomplishments are nothing short of amazing! He instilled a rightful pride in a generation of African Americans before me. I'm influenced by his words and actions today, and reap the rewards of his suffering. Most of us, black, white, red, blue or green can all attest to benefitting from his earlier presence. I only pray for another like him.

Lamont Graham

Negative Publicity

Dear Editor,

I am really disgusted at all of the excuses that [UM-St. Louis basketball] coach Rick Meckfessel has made for his team not winning. He is blaming his players. In the Jan. 25 edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Sports page 4D), Meckfessel is quoted as saying, "We just don't have enough people who want to play hard. Look at the way Chris Pilz played. He was all over the place. He's a fighter, a winner. You've got one guy playing his heart out, but he's not getting enough help. If we don't get more people playing like that, we're not going to win many games."

First of all, why would a coach make such negative statements publicly? Certainly, it does not help to boost player morale and self-esteem. Coach Meckfessel is involved in the recruiting, training, and counseling of members of his team. Most coaches will blame themselves for the faults of the team—not the players.

I have talked with many students and UM-St. Louis faculty who feel the same way I do: Meckfessel himself needs to be reprimanded. He feels that Chris Pilz is the only player making a strong contribution to the team. I disagree. I have attended many UM-St. Louis basketball games and I see a great potential among our basketball players who get little or no attention.

I suggest that Coach Meckfessel employ better recruiting practices and coaching skills, or simply resign. Basketball players should not be subjected to this kind of verbal abuse.

Mark Anthony Jones,
Sophomore, UM-St. Louis

Engineering Support

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the comments and actions of several rural Missourians who have denounced the proposed undergraduate engineering program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Again, I am shocked at the obstacles that UM-St. Louis must hurdle whenever it attempts to diversify and enhance itself. It is obvious that such ones are trying to insure the economic health of Rolla's largest employer, UM-Rolla. Isn't it sad when the U of M becomes a political football at the expense of its students and its services.

I suggest that these concerned rural Missourians put faith in the fine reputation that UM-Rolla has built for itself as Missouri's technological campus. I am

confident that those students destined for UM-Rolla will make it there. These ones should also consider that prospective engineering baccalaureate candidates from UM-St. Louis may choose to do graduate work at UM-Rolla and vice versa. For everyone's information, graduate engineering education has been available at UM-St. Louis for many years. This program is offered through a cooperative effort between UM-Rolla and UM-St. Louis. Providing undergraduate engineering at UM-St. Louis by pooling the expertise and resources from both campuses seems only appropriate.

Please remember that engineering education is also presently available at UM-Columbia and UM-Kansas City. Would these rural Missourians also choose to reduce or eliminate those programs as well? Why is it that the engineering program at UM-Kansas City which if offered in cooperation with UM-Columbia, has had the blessing of the UM Board of Curators and the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education for years now, whereas attempts to implement such a program at UM-St. Louis has been described as an unnecessary duplication of UM-Rolla curriculum?

A recent study by Developmental Strategies Inc. identified a substantial amount of Missourians who will miss out on an engineering education if such a program is not established at UM-St. Louis. I dare to say that St. Louis is the only city in its league without a publicly supported school of engineering. How long will St. Louisans, as the largest contributors of state revenue, allow the State of Missouri to miserably underfund their state university?

By providing undergraduate engineering at UM-St. Louis, the university will be able to accommodate the large number of pre-engineering students who are currently enrolled there. Federal Studies and labor statistics also indicate the growing demand for professional engineers as we enter into a new technologically advanced era. As for the regional benefits of such a program, look what Stanford, MIT, Georgia Tech and The University of Texas, to mention a few, have done to develop the economic base of their areas. By supporting and funding the growth and development at the University of Missouri-St. Louis the entire UM system, the St. Louis area and the State of Missouri can only benefit.

Sincerely,
Jeff L. Kenner
1982 UM-St. Louis Alumnus
Dallas, TX

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Persons wishing to nominate a student for this honor may call or stop by the Office of Student Activities, 250 University Center, (ext. 553-5536) for a nomination form.

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'Double' Date Is No Bonanza



by Victoria Kijouski and Andrea Jauer

Talk about humorous dates, well do we have a good one to tell you! On a gloomy day in November we met "Bob." I remember clearly that day because my good friend Andrea and I were in a wild mood because we were actually having a good day. The whole week was filled with tests and research papers which made us so slap-happy we could barely stand up straight.

We were in our favorite place in the underground and sat with our friends, Kim and Christina. We were busy chat-

ting when one of the janitors came up to us and said, "That guy over there thinks you all are cute!"

We just laughed it off. Then we thought "Hmm...He is kinda cute and boy does he have beautiful blue eyes!"

I don't know what came over us, but the next thing I knew, Andrea and I were talking Charles (the janitor) into setting us up with him.

Charles went over to him and told him we wanted to go out to lunch with him. Charles came down and said to go up and talk to him because he agreed on the lunch date.

We couldn't believe it because we thought we were being a little too forward (which usually isn't our style). We got to talking with this guy and decided to go to lunch. We walked up to his beautiful red Camaro and thought, "Wow! This guy has looks and a cool car. What more could we ask for?"

He asked us where we wanted to go to lunch and both of us shook our heads and said, "I don't care."

Now, it's important to know that Andrea and I are used to eating lunch out at nice places such as Caleco's, Fridays,

or Casa Gallardo.

He says, "How about Wendy's or Bonanza, or even Dairy Queen?"

Bonanza? Is this guy kidding or what? We couldn't help but laugh. So he ends up taking us to the romantic and expensive Bonanza.

We walked into the grandma style restaurant and got the gorgeous food bar. We went up to the food bar and I remember clearly the Chuck Wagon soup I ate, which by the way tasted like dog food.

We tried to make conversation with the guy and he didn't even crack a smile when we were both laughing our hardest. He asked us what we did on the weekends and we told him we partied at the Pike house.

He said he spent the nights usually with his books. He said he never partied that much. He admitted to being a loner, even at school, and he was glad he met us.

We both were ready to run out of Bonanza when he surprising said, "Is that all you guys are going to eat? I paid for you guys to eat a couple of salads and soups?"

The guy paid all in single dollars and

I think he was broke after paying all of about \$10.00 for all three lunches, not to mention the UM—St. Louis I.D. discount.

We felt bad and just to please him, we ate some ice cream.

I watched the clock every second and told him we had class at 1:00. Finally, we got in his car, which didn't look so hot anymore. I said, "What smells so good?"

He pulls out his Drakkar cologne which was in a clear bottle with a homemade white label which read Drakar. (The spelling was wrong too!)

We thought, "Gosh, this guy was a dork!"

Finally, we tell him to drop us off near Lucas Hall and he pulls us up on the sidewalk and all of these people were laughing because he almost hit the trash can. We got out of the car, embarrassed like we never have been before and took off running.

We said we'll never be so stupid again. We told all of our Pike friends and till this day we joke about it. Now, when we pass by Bonanza, we laugh and say, "It's Bonanza Bob's!"

Sentimental Breakdown

by Doug Walters and Tom Petrus

*When I'm sitting here alone
I wonder what do you think of me
When my love becomes a puzzle
That no-one can really believe
Now I know you don't understand
Sometimes I'm not so sure myself
Why you've taken my love and my
Life and put it on a shelf*

*And it's my heart that's breaking down
I'm so lost - I'll never be found
Trying to make this love affair seem real
While trying to figure out how you feel*

*And I still feel your burning embers
Long after our fire died out
I feel the pain and loneliness
The embrace of fear and doubt
I look out into the distance
For that gleam of shimmering hope
But I have come to realize
That we've reached the end of our rope*

*And it's my heart that's breaking down
I'm so lost - I'll never be found
Trying to make this love affair seem real
While trying to figure out how you feel*

*Well I've finally come to realize
That life is all too hard
So I've come to my crossroads
Where death has materialized*

*I move away - It don't do me no good
3,000 miles don't help like I thought it would
Babe you've got my dreams
All in shambles - What does it mean
Don't turn me over now
Let me be
Take these chains off. Take 'em off of
my heart*

How Do You Pick Up Members Of The Opposite Sex?

What's Up



"I just ask them if they'd like to go for a quick bite at my castle in Transylvania." Brian Hahn, Education and English senior

"I just walk up to them and say 'Hi, I'm in a rock band [The Nukes]!' Packy Reynolds, Jr.



"Beg, Plead and if that doesn't get you anywhere just ask nicely." Dave Thomason, Student Activities Director



by Andrew Kerman



"I dress funky and act cool." Amy Raider, English sophomore



"I usually lie about my financial status." Bob Atchison, English major



"I just go straight up to them. I introduce myself first. If she goes to UMSL, I ask her what major she's in and what classes she's taking. I try to be nice and charming at all times." Jesse Gator, Accounting freshman

Penguins Got It Good

Fax Of Life

by Laura Berardino features editor

Life would be so much easier if we were penguins. Maybe not life in general but dating would be.

Think about it. When looking for the one bird to share their nest, they only go through one simple ritual.

Since penguins have only one outfit, they don't have to worry about being underdressed or even overdressed. There is no competition between members of the same sex to look better because they all look alike, kind of like Catholic school children. Plus, social functions are rather limited on the South Pole, so attire isn't something that takes a lot of consideration.

Men penguins come right to the point. Either their woman gets the rock or she doesn't. If she doesn't want the rock, she immediately rejects it and him and they both continue their search. But this doesn't happen often.

Humans, on the other hand, go through all sorts of ridiculous mating rituals before they settle down with one person. It's commonly referred to as the dating game.

The dating game is a game of chance. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.

This week the *Current* gave the student body the opportunity to tell all about their best, worst, and most humorous dates. Because the paper was running it as a contest, staff members couldn't enter. The staff however, had quite a bit to say about their few years of dating. Since they didn't have the opportunity to voice them I thought I'd share them with you.

Sometimes a really great date can turn friends into much more. Scott went to a hockey game with a group of friends. Somehow they managed to get in but were short one ticket.

Gentlemen that he is, Scott offered to share his seat with Diane, a girl he didn't know very well. They took turns sitting on each others lap for three periods. By the time the game was over they knew each other much better.

Eventually, Scott made this girl his bride.

It was agreed that the all time worst date was had by a male staff member who prefers to remain anonymous. One dark night, a couple of years ago he was driving home a co-worker for whom he had romantic plans. They were at a stop sign when he noticed the gentlemen in the next car pointing a hand gun at him. Scared, he wondered out loud who it could be. Calmly, his passenger informed him that it was her husband.

A chase to the local police station followed. All's well that ends well since he still is here to tell the tale.

My most humorous date took place a few years ago. A group of us were planning on going to the movies when it became apparent that there was a cash shortage, which isn't unusual for students. Jokingly, the guys discussed attempting to get their dates in as children. Of course, my date had to be the first to try it.

John walked up to the ticket booth and ordered one adult and one child ticket. He looked the girl straight in the eye and told her he had to babysit his little sister so he was going to take her to see Peewee Herman.

The girl took one look at me, shrugged and gave him the tickets.

I prefer to think she was having a slow night and needed a chuckle. It beats thinking I looked younger than twelve.

There were many more stories to tell but due to taste and space constraints couldn't be printed.

Unfortunately, the campus couldn't share as much. After advertising in the *Current* and passing out 200 flyers, only one submission was made.

The old adage about poor starving students musn't be true because a forty dollar gift certificate to dinner didn't tempt more entries.

Luckily, the girls who won seem to realize the value of what a meal costs. I bet they won't be using it at Bonanza.

When reading their submission, I couldn't help but think of the Love Connection. The staff would love to hear "Bobs" rebuttal to his "double" date. In fact, we'd love to hear about it so much that if he's out there and cares to reply, we'll reimburse him for what he spent on their trip to Bonanza. How about it, "Bob?"

Broderick Is Glorious In Civil War Film

by Mike Van Roo movie reviewer

Edward Zwick, co-creator of television's "thirtysomething" tries his hand in directing a major movie *Glory*, and comes off with a very fine job of retelling the story of the Civil War's first black fighting unit.

The 54th Massachusetts Regiment was formed in part because of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of September 22, 1862, freeing all slaves in the territories still at war with the Union, effective January 1, 1863. One month after the proclamation became law, the 54th was founded.

Matthew Broderick stars as Col. Robert Gould Shaw, who lead the 54th Regiment in battle against the Confederate armies of the South.

Born to wealthy upper-crust parents, Shaw lived an early life of grand surroundings and was reminded of his patrician heritage and anti-slavery beliefs.

A veteran of the bloody Battle of Antietam, where 40,000 soldiers were killed in just five hours of combat, Shaw returned back to Massachusetts to accept command of the 54th.

This regiment, which boasted over 1,000 black soldiers, was immediately

marked for death by their former southern captors.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis proclaimed that any Negro taken in arms against the Confederacy would immediately be returned to a state of slavery and any Negro taken in Federal uniform would be summarily put to death.

Davis also contended that any white officer taken in command of Negro troops would be deemed as inciting servile insurrection and would also be put to death.

Early on in the movie, Matthew Broderick has a hard time conveying a true military-like sense of command over his somewhat skeptical recruits. This was due in part to the young age of Shaw at the time of the Civil War. Like a lot of officers back then, Shaw was only 25, far younger than most of the men he lead into battle.

Glory is a powerful film which reminds us of how the nation's most violent internal struggle affected all people of all races.

The film is rated "R" because of some very graphic scenes depicting the violent and almost casual way in which soldiers would march point blank into the line of fire. This almost prehistoric way of waiting until "you see the whites of their eyes" made cannon and rifle fodder out of most soldiers. The warfare of today

with its computers and lasers makes fighting in the Civil War seem barbaric and almost slow motion in nature.

The acting in the film is first rate. In addition to Matthew Broderick, who lends an initial shy and naive touch as the uncertain and somewhat skeptical Shaw, there are six other key roles in the film.

Morgan Freeman stars as John Rawlins, who volunteers for duty in the 54th and rises up to the rank of sergeant major. Freeman acted as a go-between from Broderick and the men and lent a somewhat older-brother image to the new recruits.

Denzel Washington played Trip, an embittered runaway slave who wanted to fight everyone and everything in his path, but the enemy. There's a particularly gruesome scene in the movie where Trip is punished by Col. Shaw for running away from camp. Despite the new found freedom of blacks in the 54th, one couldn't hide the old scars of slavery which criss-crossed his back.

Four other good supporting roles in the film are Jihmi Kennedy as Sharts, a field hand from South Carolina who distinguishes himself as a sharp-shooter. Andre Braugher as Searles, Col. Shaw's childhood friend who volunteers first in the 54th; Cary Elwes as Major Cabot Forbes, Shaw's second-in-command and one who also is very skeptical at first

about the idea of the black regiment; and John Finn as Sergeant Mulcahy, who drills the men almost needlessly, but necessarily into fighting soldiers.

The film climaxes with the 54th headed into immortality as they attempt to take over Port Wagner, a key fort guarding the entrance to Charleston Harbor, on July 18, 1863.

President Lincoln thought it was important for the North to take the city of Charleston, S.C., where the war began two years earlier.

Like most battles that were fought during the Civil War, this one too had enormous casualties. The 54th went into Fort Wagner with 600 men; they suffered 44 per cent casualties trying to take the heavily fortified position. Less than 100 of the 1,700 Confederate troops defending the fort were killed.

Glory serves as a great lesson for all to learn. In fact, a less-violent version is being released on VCR tape for grade schools across the country. Young and old alike will get a great sense of recreation on a terrible chapter of this country's past that often pit brother against brother and father against son.

The Civil War serves a remainder of what can happen when a man's color is used for political gain. And how it can be used to gain one's freedom. Maybe people in South Africa can learn from this?



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- there - location or introductory word, as in they went there, there are three different kinds.
- 6. **to, too, two** - Another popular misused set of words. Please note:
 - to - often used as preposition. Difficult to define, so some examples: key to the door, I want to run.
 - too - also, more than, as in I want to run too, she has too much money.
 - two - the number.
- 7. **your, you're** - also an ever-popular favorite on th all-time mistake list. Note:
 - your - the possessive, as in your house, your girlfriend.
 - you're - the contraction of you are, as in you're late.
- 8. **its, it's** - voted most popular mistake in 1966. Note:
 - its - the possessive, as in its smell, its

color, its food.

•it's - the contraction of it is, as in it's late, it's time to go.

My teacher pointed out that though these mistakes are not serious, they can detract from what would normally be a great paper or article.

Well, that's the fault of alot of people (students, etc.) who will write papers, and the professor will not think there alright. And to those students who fail due to simple errors, that's you're fault for not writing things right the first time, and its two bad you cant'go back and correct them.

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Where is the Sis-Boom-Bah!

Roo's Roost

by Mike Van Roo
contributing sports writer

Well it's time to get up on the soap box again UM-SL fans. Where the HELL have you been hiding?

My latest outrage and embarrassment comes as the result of attending the UM—St. Louis vs. Southeast Missouri State University basketball game last Wednesday night at the Mark Twain Building.

I realize that this is a *commuter campus* and all, but I could have sworn I was at a baseball Cardinal game with the huge sea of red that pulsed throughout the building.

Red is one of the colors of the SEMO Indians, and their fans were decked out in it from head to toe and certainly made no apologies as to whom they were rooting for.

I know this is not Mizzou, but I think it would be nice once in a while to show a little more school spirit.

Granted the men's and women's basketball teams are not having a very good year (Their combined record is well under .500). But I think it's a credit to head coaches Rich Meckfessel and Bobbi Morse who have put out some competitive teams who don't know the meaning of the word *quit*.

On the women's side, there is Monica Steinhoff, who is one of the top scorers in the *nation* for NCAA II competition. And on the men's side, there's Chris Pilz and Von Scales leading a scrappy if somewhat undersized bunch of Rivermen.

Sure, the average age of the student attending UM—St. Louis is 26, and, yeah, they have jobs and other outside interests such as families, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, etc.

But when you think about how SEMO brings hordes and hordes of fans up here to a game (I counted 3 Greyhound-size buses parked outside), it kind of tarnishes the "home court" advantage for the Rivermen and Riverwomen.

Yes, there are some fans that attend the UM—St. Louis games and root for the home team. But when you put them up against the mass of red at the SEMO game, their numbers and visibility are almost mute in comparison.

I don't think you need to entice the fraternities with free pizza as to the most vocal/spirited group at a game. Sure it's a nice gesture, but I think the spirit of a school should go without saying.

Granted too, this is only a division II school, so maybe the emphasis is downplayed a bit. But the last three UM—St. Louis versus SEMO games that I have attended have been an overwhelming and very crimson pro-SEMO crowd.

One thing that many students and faculty may be unaware of, is the fact that they get in for free to the games with a valid I.D.

Sure, the parking around the Mark Twain Building is somewhat limited, but it's not a very far walk.

The announced attendance at the game last week was 2,800. Which translated into at least 2,000 SEMO fans, give or take a few hundred.

Now I know there are some high school sporting events that draw more fans than an UM—St. Louis athletic event. But when you're in high school, I guess the only things to do on a Friday or Saturday night these days is to attend your school's athletic event, or cruise the malls.

The official capacity at the Mark Twain Building is 4,736. And that amount is only threatened when SEMO comes to town.

Starting next year, SEMO will change over to NCAA division I status. Even though the Indians play in the 7,000 seat Show Me Center, I don't think any visiting division I team will be embarrassed by the size of the facility and may probably be intimidated by the noise of their fans.

Well what can we learn from this? I don't know at this time. Maybe this is the way it's always been, and maybe it's the way it will always be.

Like any situation in life, it's what you make of it. Now I don't exactly bleed red and gold (UM—St. Louis' school colors, in case you hadn't noticed) when UM—St. Louis loses a basketball game or whatever. But I guess if I lived down in Cape Girardeau and had nothing better to do on a Wednesday night, if there is anything to do on a Wednesday night down there, then I would have trekked up to St. Louis to watch my team play too.

B-ball Teams See Red Against SEMO

Rivermen Drop Close Game To Arch-Rival

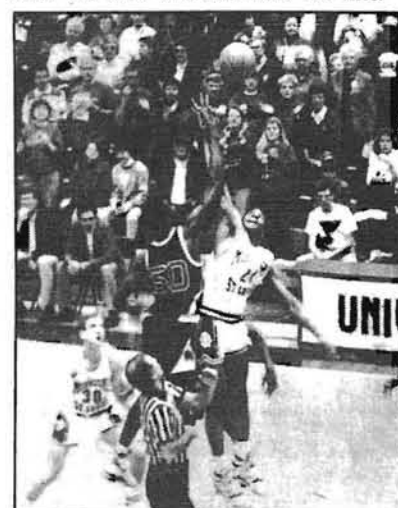
by David Workman
copy editor

January 31 turned out to be a not-so-great day for the UM—St. Louis Rivermen and Riverwomen as they both fell to Southeast Missouri State in disappointing losses.

The Riverwomen started it out in the first game as SEMO pulled out a 14-point victory, finishing the game 87-73.

Jeri Wiley led the Indians with 21 points, shooting 7 of 13 from the field and 7 of 10 from the charity stripe.

SEMO's Sherri Mitchell finished the night with 18 points, 16 of which came from the field and two from the line.



UM—St. Louis scoring was led by sophomore Monica Steinhoff who shot 21 of 33 from the field, including 6 three-point buckets and two free throws.

At the end of the first half, SEMO had a 51-33 lead, and it didn't get any better for the Riverwomen as the Indians walked away with an 87-73 win.

The long-awaited match-up between the two men's teams, however, turned out to be a barn burner as both teams fought diligently until the final buzzer.

Chris Pilz started out the scoring for the Rivermen just seconds after the tip-off, and that set the pace for the rest of the game.

The first half left a lot of the fans breathless as the Indians and Rivermen went into the locker rooms in a 38-38 tie.

SEMO shot 35.7% from the outside with a 50% accuracy from three-point range. UM—St. Louis made 57.7% of its outside shots but fell short 25% from three points. Both teams did very well from the line — SEMO hitting 75% and UM—St. Louis making 70%.

But despite the excitement of the first half, the second half was the part of the game that really told the tale.

Both teams came out of the locker rooms fired up and ready to trounce. But neither team could pull very far ahead before their lead was reduced to nothing.

Seven minutes into the second half, UM—St. Louis had the lead at 53-52, but it didn't last very long; by the 10:35 mark, SEMO had recaptured the lead at 57-56. Then Laurence Wilson extended to lead to 4 by sinking a three-pointer to make it 60-56.

Kevin Hill got himself in foul trouble at 3:23, and Tom Smith came in to replace him. Hill left the game with 4 fouls.

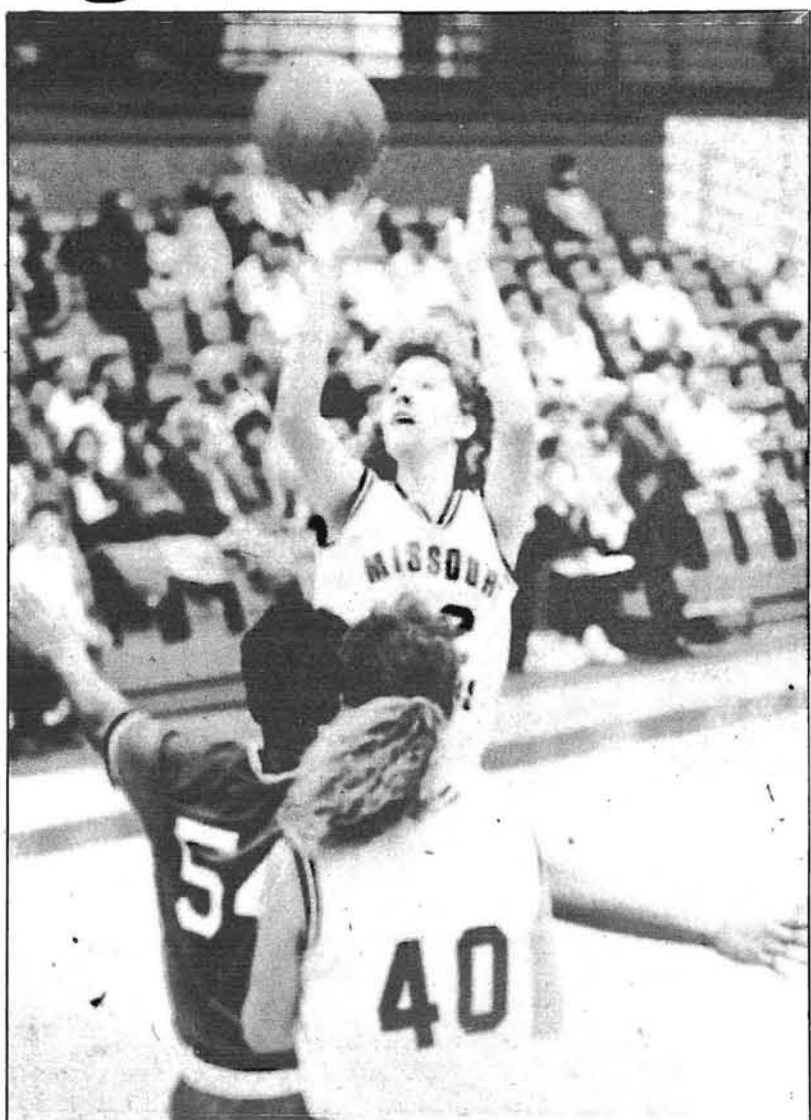
At 1:36, UM—St. Louis slowed the pace down by calling a time-out with the lead belonging to SEMO, 72-71.

With 2 seconds remaining on the clock, Pilz called another UM—St. Louis TO with SEMO leading 77-75.

The Rivermen failed to score before the buzzer, so the Indians of Southeast Missouri State left St. Louis with a 77-75 victory under their belts.

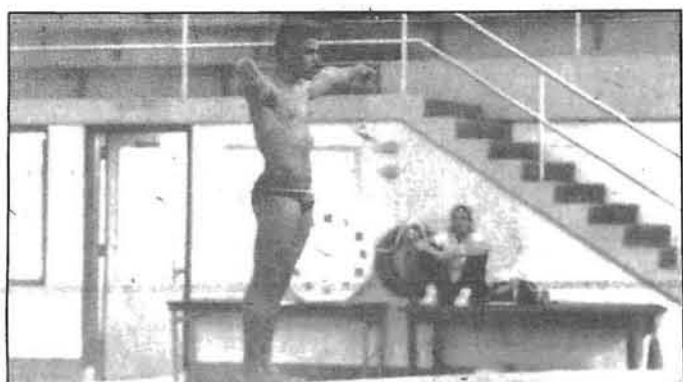
As usual, the SEMO fans far outnumbered the UM—St. Louis fans as the stands were covered by a sea of red.

With the victory, the series rivalry record between the teams moves to 26-9 in favor of SEMO.



Above: Tammy Putnam takes a shot in the Jan. 31 loss to SEMO. (Scott Brandt Photo) Far Left: The starting tip-off of the men's game lead to a close 77-75 loss for the Rivermen. (Scott Brandt photo) Left: Chris Pilz takes the ball in an attempt to boost the Rivermen ahead of the Indians. (Michelle McMurray photo)

Water Wrap-Up: Victory Met, No Sweat, Get Wet



PRACTICE: Marlon Akins practices under the watchful eye of diving coach Kevi Harwood (Photo by David Barnes)

Swimmers Make Waves Against Bradley, W. Ill.

by David Barnes
sports editor

A broken pool pump, causing the UM—St. Louis swim team to have only two practices, didn't stop them from beating Bradley University 58-55 and Western Illinois University 71-40 over the weekend.

The malfunction, now repaired, kept the filters from working which meant, as swimmer Mike Brickey said, "everything in the pool stayed in the pool."

"We swam slow but we raced well," said Riverman Devlin McDonough of the teams performance. "When it got close we did what had to be done to win."

Head coach Mary Liston said she was "pleasantly surprised" that the team defeated Bradley.

The coach of the Bradley team had said in their student newspaper that they were looking at the match with UM—St. Louis as a practice meet.

Liston found the article and "I showed it to the team just before swim-

ming. I think that might have helped motivate us."

Brickey, McDonough, and Brett Woods all scored first place in their events.

A new 400-yard medley relay team of McDonough, Jeff Heveroh, Dan Bostelmann, and Terry Moore came in first. "I was surprised we did as well as we did. That was the first time we swam that combination," said McDonough.

Moore, a 19 year old freshman, was involved in a car wreck the next night in Rolla. His face hit the windshield and required 60 stitches. Moore will find out Feb. 8 if he can swim in the next meet.

Lenny Miller came away with first in each of the diving events, but also came away with "swimmer's ear" - an infection common to water athletes.

Marlon Akins finished second against Western Illinois and third against Bradley.

Akins hit his foot against the board in the 1-meter dive against Western Illinois. "This time, when I hit the board I came back with some strong dives," he

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Aquarobics

A Different Way To Get In Shape

by David Barnes
sports editor

Bouncing up and down, jarring the joints, sweat pouring from the pores. No wonder so many Americans aren't in shape.

A class offered by UM—St. Louis tackles these problems and offers a unique solution. Aquarobics.

Exercises in the water. Lifeguard and water safety instructor Susan Browder leads a class of 14 in the Mark Twain Building swimming pool every Monday and Wednesday.

A major advantage to exercising in the pool, Browder said, is that "the water takes away all the forces that normally are acting on your knees. When you're jumping around you get a lot of forces, on your joints. The water relieves all those." "Also, while you're doing it, the water is circling around your body and massaging the muscles as you work, so you don't tend to get sore."

"We do a warm-up, then we move into aerobics for up to 24 minutes," she said. "Then we do an alternative form of exercise and then a cool down."

The alternative exercise differs week to week.

One of them is suspended exercises in the deep end. "We bicycle with our legs while milk jugs are supporting us," she said.

Another uses kickboards which add to the water resistance and help tone arm muscles.

Other times the class exercises against the wall to strengthen the stomach and legs.

Carol Christ takes the class because "it's refreshing. You don't sweat and there's no soreness the next day."

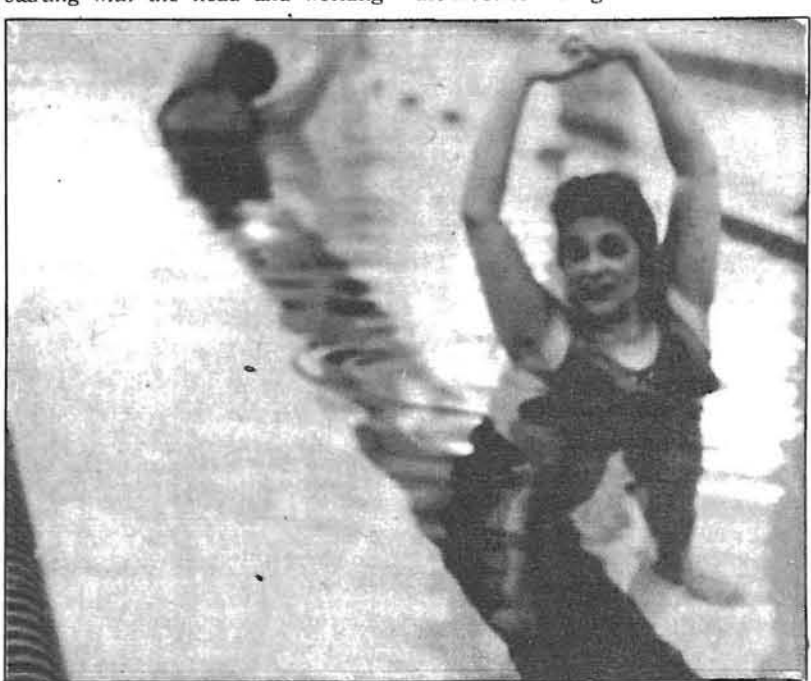
"You can work just as hard and get your heart rate up just as high as you would by working on the ground, but it's a lot better for you," Browder said. "Everybody has a target heart rate," she said. Once the proper rate is found, the participants "learn how to adjust and work hard enough to get their heart up that high. That's where you're doing the most benefit for your body!"

Before the exercises begin, there is a warm-up in the water. "It's stretching starting with the head and working

down to the feet," said Browder. "It's getting the body ready to go into the aerobics so that you don't pull anything or hurt yourself once you start."

After the aerobics Browder leads a cool down. "A lot of stretching is what it is," she said. "Just so that when you get out of the pool all your muscles don't tighten up. It also makes the body ready to get out of the water and stop exercising."

Susan Yerion summed up her reasons for taking the class as, "You don't sweat. You don't hurt. You're never sore from the muscles. It's a good solid workout."



IN THE WATER: Aquarobics are a healthy way to exercise without hurting joints or muscles. (Photo by Michelle McMurray)

Riding The Rapids From Chile To Mississippi

by Lee Conrad
reporter

Stan Stoy, engineer for McDonnell Douglas, teaches one night a week at UM—St. Louis. The class isn't in the Course Description Catalogue and the cashiers have probably never heard of it: it's a kayaking class.

"Right now we're at capacity, which is 15," Stoy said. "The last couple of semesters we've had to turn people away."

A kayak is a small one or two person boat. "The two-man boat is more popular in England, but Americans like the single boats," Stoy said.

Contrary to its appearance, he said, the kayaker is not actually "stuck" in the boat.

If the kayak flips over in the water, the rider would fall out unless his legs were braced on the inside of the boat.

Ten years ago, Stoy led the rock climbing trips for Washington University's Outing Club. But after seeing a kayaking competition and reading articles about the 1980 championship, he swit-

"Rain is no problem, you're going to get wet anyway."
—Stan Stoy

ched his enthusiasm to the water.

Today he is one of 160 members in Missouri's White Water Association, and one of only six registered racers who can compete at divisional and national levels.

He says that the sport is enjoyed as recreation as much, or more than, competition.

There's a standard joke about Missouri being in the middle of white water country; the punch line is, "we're eight to ten hours away in any direction from white water."

Actually, the St. Francis River, about 100 miles south of St. Louis, is the best place in Missouri for kayaking, according to Stoy.

Rivers are rated on a scale from one to six, with six meaning "risk of life." The St. Francis is usually a "three" but has been as high as a "five" after heavy

rain.

Some rivers that Stoy has been on, such as the Ubamba, in Chile, have been "six's." "To my knowledge, there are parts of the Ubamba that have never been run," he said.

The Bio Bio river, also in Chile, is the premiere run in the world, Stoy said, with "good hard paddling and beautiful scenery."

Stoy thinks that kayaking is going to make a big comeback in popularity in America. It's scheduled to become an event in the 1992 Spain Olympics, where the sport is already enjoying high popularity.

Kayaking made its last Olympic appearance in 1972 when Stoy said it was "the second most-watched event, behind track and field."

He believes that if kayaking ever gets a permanent position in the Olympics

it would dominate the water sports.

Two of the things that Stoy enjoys about the sport are that it can be done in almost any weather and by almost anybody.

"Rain is no problem," he said. "You're going to get wet anyway."

They also paddle when it's cold, just as soon as the ice breaks and flushes out. "One time," he continued, "I can remember floating a while, then walking across some ice carrying our boats, then floating again."

A person doesn't need to be fanatically fit or muscular, he said, only in "reasonable shape." In fact, Stoy said being really athletic is sometimes a drawback.

"Some people, especially men, try to overpower the boat instead of using technique. Coordination and flexibility are the keys."

There is, of course, the element of danger present. On the Fui (pronounced fwee) River in South America, there are 11 or 12 waterfalls in a one mile stretch that are higher than eight feet.

It's common to go over falls and even

to go airborne, Stoy said. In the middle of that mile stretch, there's a 24 foot waterfall and 50 feet further downstream there's a 12 foot fall.

A little closer to home, 27 people (as of a couple of years ago) have died floating the Savannah River on the Georgia-South Carolina border. Most of the river scenes from the movie "Deliverance" were filmed there.

Much closer to home, Charles Schumann, a math professor at UM—St. Louis, drowned five years ago at Chain-of-Rocks on the Mississippi River, just north of St. Louis.

"Charlie only had one other person with him," Stoy said. "You should always have at least three people."

Stoy's class has been taught at UM—St. Louis twice a year for more than 10 years and is offered to the public. It costs \$47 for UM—St. Louis students and \$78 for everyone else. It includes classroom instruction as well as pool practice in the Mark Twain building.

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TKE, Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you all. Love, A Lady Who Still Cares.

Michele, Happy V-Day! I love your CB and your BBL! Love yal John

Shawn, Happy Valentine's Day, Studmuffin! I love you bunches and bunches!! Love forever, Leann.

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Fuzzy Bear, Through thick and thin we've always made it. Thanks for turning my life around. I'm very proud of you, you're my inspiration. Love-always, Angel

Dear Amy C. I can't help but love you more and more. Love Brian P.

P. Sage, Congratulations on your "A" in Daves class! Love E.A.T.

Hey Mallon let's go shooting! Little Christmas

Jody, Your radiant beauty shines forth as a taper in the darkness. With a smile to launch a thousand ships, you have purloined our very hearts. Love and Devotion. Batman and the Monster.

Mr. Monster, When I gaze into your bloodshot eyes, the tiny bats are revolting. Twinkle Twinkle Twinkle. I want you to know that I will always be your "Little Doormouse." Jody

Sara W. Thank for being you. Guess who?

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Reape, Thanks for being a good listener and friend. Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Love A Friend

Deltasigs, don't forget induc-

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To the greatest guys on campus Pump it up Sig Taus! Nuff said!

SOMETHING FOR TERRY BREEDING I wanted to say something Something about romance Something maybe about sex But I was just afraid to say anything About something Other than the condition of my hair: How Agree does so much for it Than Nexus ever did. And then I realized something About fear And how through the sieve of Reason I could justify silence Against a vulnerable emotion. Something about mushy adverbs And not feeling they should be said

Outloud Face to face Outside a song Outside a Hallmark card And I am wrong, you know Because I can easily say I love you very much.

Here. But this is just a silly poem, Anyway.

Mary Ladd

Dear Barb and Steph, I love you two like sisters. Thanks for all the support over the past years. We're friends forever... Love , Carol

Dear Mark, Thanks for all the precious moments we have shared over the past three years. I truly love you, with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day. Always yours, Carol

Mary, something wonderful happened that Tuesday after poetry class. I began to get to know you. I began to fall in love with you. Valentine's Day is a special day for lovers, but with you every day is a special day. I love you. Terry

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Johnboy, Whenever you're ready to teach me to ride, your personal slave will teach you the naked fun game. My motor's running. I hope I can handle your stick. Fellatio

Tamatha (Spike?), El El Cool J and Frank, Let's do lunch again soon. You girls look good enough to eat. Still looking for your message in the Personals.

To the blonde in French I, I love trench coats!

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What's up to the home gyrlz Marcia, Tiffany, Alisha, and Delicia and the get fresh crew. Darick and Rod Happy Valentine's Day from Stacey and Greta

Happy Valentine's Day to the stars of the Motown Review and to the producer Ms. Sheila Powell. Everyone will be at the practice on the 17th. Why? Because we love you. From the Supremes.

To Kim M. and Candi C. We never said congratulations to you so here it is, and a Happy Valentine's Day. From Stacey, Marcia, and Greta. We're happy for you both!

Angela, Your beauty is but a rosebud waiting to blossom forth on the dew tainted morn. Our love for you knows no end. Love always, Batman and The Monster

Mellisa, Thanks for being there! You are a true Zeta and the best pledge mom. Let's carry on the tradition. Zeta love and mine, Amy

Dawn, Tammy, Amy, Tricia, and Paula, We made it! Congrats to all of us! Let's show everyone just how special Zetas are! Zeta love, Amy and Nancy

Carolyn, Thanks for being such a great pledge mom and friend! This is only the beginning of a great friendship! Zeta love and mine, Nancy

To the members of Zeta Tau Alpha, This is it! Initiation! Thanks for being such a great bunch of gals! You are all truly Zeta Ladies! Zeta love, Omega Pledge Class

Hey Happy Valentine's Day to Leslie, Diane Angi and Laura who told me about this.

said, "I'm a lot more confident since Christmas!"

During the winter break Akins traveled to Pennsylvania and trained for almost two weeks. He used a dry land board to practice his dives.

The dry land board is a device commonly used by gymnasts that attaches to the waist and holds a diver in the air while doing a jump. The diver, gently landed with the help of a trainer, never gets wet.

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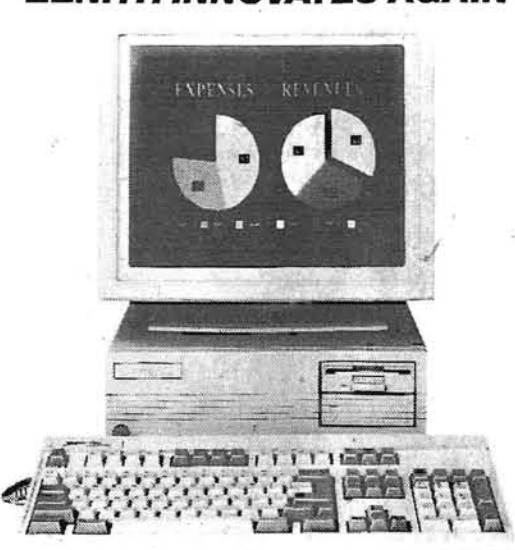
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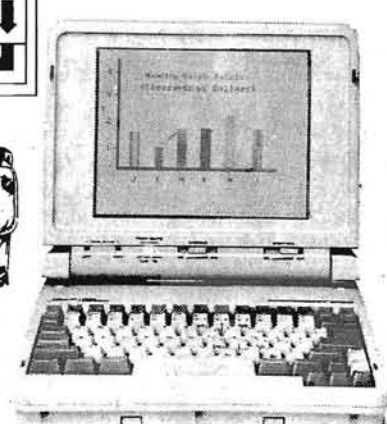
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